# ·The Alma Record

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#### THE FLAG AND THE FLAGON

We hear and read much about the open violations of the Volstead Act and the general lawlessness which results. One know the one from the other. would imagine sometimes that the law had created a school for criminals, yet we observe that most of the violations are so ne- because they don't know they are where else and not in our community or any particular commun- defeated. ity that we know about.

To be sure there is some violation of the law. There is also some horse stealing, some house breaking, some burglary, some robbery, some carrying of concealed weapons, and even some murder, with stringent laws against all of these things.

It has been heralded far and wide over the country that recently men of the army and navy were drunk at a recent foot foolishness generally goes with it. ball game, and the flag was disgraced on account of the existence of the Volstead law. There may have been some drunkenness on that occasion but without doubt, there would have been much more drunkenness had the open saloon been in existence,

The writer lived for many years in a lake port town, and every summer it was visited by some of Uncle Sam's ships with Jackies aboard. When there were saloons in the town, the sailors came ashore and man of them headed for the saloons with the result that there was sometimes a lot of drunkenness and a good deal of disorder. In fact, it was sometimes unsafe for a woman to be on the street without an escort. After the saloons were re- bargain days advertised among the moved from that town, the ships came as usual, but there was bootleggers. no drunkenness and no law violations. The sailors conducted themselves in such a way as to command respect and they were tiplies itself, but we are not of an which was well attended. A fine supa credit to the flag which flew over their ships. It was very evi- inquisitive turn of mind. dent that the absence of the flagon had inspired respect for the

One needs but to read the names of the bootleggers and look The man who is quick to start an up their past record to know that they are not good citizens now argument and slow to quit is a bless-ling in a way. He prevents other Club. and never have been. They have no respect for the law and people from wasting so much breath, served, never have had. They care nothing for the flag now and never This country is full of great men, hold their annual Christmas sale on to make for lower prices. did. They have always been associated with the flagon and the and many of them are sometimes next Saturday. social rottenness for which it stands.

The only reason for the existence of the saloon and all of its The devil knows his friends when attendant evils was for someone to make easy money out of it at he sees them, but don't let this fact the expense of the community and the only reason why some peo- prompt you to dodge around the corner. ple are claiming that the Volstead Act should be repealed is that they want to make money off the manufacture and sale of liquor. enemy. He knows a good thing with his parents of this place. Long experience has proven that the saloon and all connected when he sees it, but is too stubborn with it was an unadulterated evil and that the use of the flagon to grab it. breeds disrespect to the best interests of the country at large. They say that love comes unbidden, It is our duty to the flag to see that the flagon is forever banished but many a time money pushes it from our civilization.

### SMOKE THEM OUT

Shall America have a merchant marine worthy of the name, Absolutely honest business men do returned to her home at Royal Oak crowd is expected there. our thousands of valuable ships to rot at their not have to advertise their honesty. docks or be sold for junk,

A great American merchant marine would mean a tremendous increase in the prosperity of this country, and just now we would not be adverse to even a slight increase.

Washington has precipitated a tidal wave of indignation by performance is what we need. exposing what is alleged to be a gigantic plot of British shipping interests to wreck President Harding's ship subsidy bill and thereby keep American merchant vessels off the seas.

The British ambassador emphatically denies that he or his staff are in any way engaged in such a plot, and he probably speaks the truth. He would hardly court the fate of another ambassador who meddled in our affairs and was promptly sent

But it is quite possible that there is such a plot in existence. although official Britain may not be taking a hand.

No one but a traitor to this country would accept pay from a foreign nation or people for wrecking a bill that is designed to take the name of its publisher and be create a merchant marine that will mean future prosperity for us, called "The Haldeman-Julius Week- of Flint are visiting their parents of

There are many people who honestly oppose a ship subsidy. but they are not accepting foreign gold to bolster up their op- cal predecessor. It has adandoned Soposition.

But if there are traitors at work in Washington it is time knowledges that the salvation of Mrs. Jotham Allen of this city, who to smoke them out and treat them as such.

## THE MINISTER'S JOB

The average minister preaches about 100 sermons a year. This requires intelligence, education, research, and concen- that suggested change by means of ing and fourteenth in hog judging. trated thought.

In addition, he must keep a watchful eye on the work of the helped by institutional reforms. I am ing so high among the many judges Sunday School, conduct mid week prayer meetings, foster and an individualist, not a communist or entered in the competition at the encourage all sorts of church societies and activities, visit the collectivest. I believe the improve- stock show from all over the world sick and oppressed, smile sweetly over the indifference of many of \_\_in the individual, not in the mass." is deserving of a big amount of credthe brethren, and blaze the path to heaven for people who are too engrossed in worldly affairs to perform this important duty for

We dole him out a sum that, with rigid economy, will cover vance the welfare of society. The overlooked by the solicitors with the his nakedness and keep soul and body together-and feel that philosophy of "collectivism" believes Red Cross Chrismas Seals, or we have done wonderfully well.

The devil smiles at our parsimony, the preacher doesn't there is some advantage to be gained he can secure them at Winslow drug complain of it, and we, apparently, prefer to remain ignorant of

It's a gay world-for everyone but the preacher. He will any institutional reforms"-yet, in the seal sale. Solicitors will also get his reward in the next world.

We admire a man who is strong on civic pride. Such a man, artificial economic equalities or woman, is a distinct asset to any community.

Too often a town suffers because its citizens immerse themselves in the business of making money, to the utter exclusion Individualism seeks the broadest, un- ner on Thursday, Dec. 21. Ladies of all other considerations.

Always there are a few who believe in improving local conditions, Through their efforts a certain amount is accomplished, create greater opportunities in these twelve o'clock. Election of officers but uniform improvement is only brought about when the peo- directions for all men and women, for the coming year, and the reports ple as a body are willing to cooperate to that end.

Conditions in our own community would be brighter, and life in life, is not, "Socialism;" it is enwould be brighter, if all of our people had the spirit of local im- lightened "Individualism," doing its report of our delegate. provement and the will to put it into practice,

Why not?

## Phool Philosophy Old Cy Collegy

The man who depends upon excuses stamps himself as one.

Egotism has its virtues as well s its faults. It makes a fellow hustle to live up to his opinions of

another, but the public does not

their husbands would furnish the working at highest efficiency, tifficates are American citizens." money to pay them with.

Fingers that point with pride are generally neatly manicured.

When love goes out the door Since half a lie is as bad as a whole one, why tell either?

If you want to become unpopular, begin talking about your own troubles while other people are telling

make most of the noise.

mas is so near we do not see any set.

Life is a burden only to those who

Some people can't stand prosperity this place Sunday. because they never have a chance.

Their scarcity does that,

We do not agree with the president in his assertion that this is a time for constructive effort. Constructive

### With Our State **Contemporaries**

APPEAL TO REASON

"The Appeal To Reason"-published weekly at Girard, Kansas, for the Breckenridge Saturday. last twenty-seven years, as the leading oracle of American Socialismhas been converted to economic and week end with her parents of this political sanity. Henceforth it will place. in order that it may be more this place. learly distinguished from its heretiialism entirely and courageously ac-

mental reaction against anything all judges at the show in cattle judgmass movements.

The pl.ilosophy of "individualism" it for the work. -the code upon which America has risen to the world's peak-believes that it lies with the individual to adthat it lies with society to advance sires to secure still more of the litunder the latter rule-and we should store, Penney's store or at Eichennot consent to the extreme doctrine berg's grocery. They will be on sale no higher than its source, and the over a banner sale of the seals in "citizen" himself. Jocialism seeks Alma. theoretical leveling of initiative and energy and vision and capacity and rewards, contrary to human nature. with Mr. and Mrs. Ely Wolf, for dintrammeled legitimate opportunities bring dishes and also well filled basfor each man or woman to grow and kets as this is the Christmas meeting. prosper and be rewarded in kind. To Come early so as to serve dinner at and to encourage them, and to attack from last year will be features. This

stitutional reforms" cannot some-times facilitate these ends. He has swung from one extreme to the other. But in his fundamental conversionin his desertion of basic Socialism which believes that the State can order common and equalized prosperity -he is sound as a bullet; and in his new idea that America's need is not for new social machinery, but for a more intelligent utilization of machinery already existing, he is everlastingly right. Simon-pure Socialism has never worked and never will. If we were all "teveled" today, it gin Islands and Porto Rico. But it You have noticed, no doubt, that would not be later than tomorrow beome men are slow in making prom- fore the "workers" would out-posises. They are the ones who keep sess the "shirkers." Haldeman-Julius did not need to change the name of come from Canada. Cuba, Mexico. his great journal. It is more correct-Most men are great in one way or ly an "Appeal To Reason" now than it was under the auspices of its old Some people never admit defeat emphatically repeated, when progress unshackle opportunity, when they cooperate to break down artificial bar-

#### BRECKENRIDGE

-Grand Rapids Herald.

Born to Supt. and Mrs. H. C. Poulson, a daughter, Barbara Jane.

six in the company and everybody full supply available. There are millions of good citi- surely did enjoy a pleasant evening. The U. S. Dept. of Agriculture in fairly hot oven. sic and dancing. The guests pre- December 1 as follows: Regardless of the fact that Christ- sented Mrs. Hunn with a fine carving

Some people say that trouble mul- dining room Wednesday evening 855,000 cases. per was served. The receipts were mal for this season of the year, but

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Oberst and light. for several months working in varlous states, came home Friday.

Harold Bailey, who is attending Southwest. A pessimist is his own worst Alma College, spent the week end Mrs. Jake Kimes is confined to her

Saturday, on business.

been visiting friends in this vicinity, staged for several years, and a large

Lloyd Selleck and Lance Kine were in Alma Wednesday on business.

F. Moffat was an Alma visitor Fri-Miss Margaret McCall

Alma visitor Wednesday. Ray Calthorpe and son Howard were in Saginaw Saturday on busi-

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stevens and Mrs. Orville Colthorpe were in Sagi-

naw, Friday, shopping. Orville Colthorpe, who is working in Montrose, spent the week end with his wife and family of this

Walter Watson of St. Louis was in Miss Bernice Fox, teacher in the schools at Maple Rapids, spent the

Mrs. Edwin and Raymond Jakway

ALLEN A TEAM MEMBER

Lester Allen, the son of Mr. and America lies with the progress of is attending M. A. C., was a member the individual. The publisher him- of the M. A. C. stock judging team at the International Livestock show "I have felt during the five years held a Chicago the first week of the of my control a mental and tempera- month, and was rated as eleventh of He was the leader of the team re-"I do not believe humanity can be presenting M. A. C. His feat in placment of mea lies in man-not in men is no small one, and the young man

If any one has by any chance been the welfare of the individual. While the aids in the anti-tuberculosis work, that "humanity cannot be helped by at these stores during the balance of the final analysis, a stream can rise continue active in the effort to put

ARCADA FARMERS' CLUB

unfair barriers against these chances is the meeting at which all dues be-

greatest work and serving its great- Signed: Committee-Mrs. Isham est purpose. We disagree with Hal- Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Hanford, and Mrs. deman-Julius when he says that "In- Rogers.

Certificates "Treasury Savings Certificates are finding favor in foreign lands as well as in every section of the country and our outlying possessions," said Lew Wallace, Jr., Director of the U.

S. Government Savings System. "Every State in the Union has purchasers, and the Treasury receives orders from Alaska, Hawaii, the Philippines, the Canal Zone, the Viris not alone in the United States and its possessions that this savings security is in demand. Orders also recently there was a request for information about the certificates from Rome, Italy. Some of the purchasers of the certificates in these disination, a \$25 cartificate. This wide-Some women would be perfectly riers, it is not "Socialism" but "In- spread sale shows that the savings willing to keep expense accounts if dividualism" which is at work, and their husbands would furnish the working at highest efficiency for usually these purchasers of cer-

The demand for dressed poultry has not been brisk, and selling markets have reflected the condition quickly, somewhat lower prices prevailing. Quite a large surplus has

been placed in storage for sule later. A number of ladies and gentlemen Arrivals of live poultry at Eastassembled at the home of Mr. and ern markets have been lighter this Mrs. Arthur Hunn, Wednesday even- week following Thanksgiving, but as pirthday party. There were twenty- from last week, there has been a

zens in this country, but the bad ones Refreshments were served, and the its preliminary report shows stock evening was passed with games, mu- of butter and eggs in cold storage

Butter 1922, 47,805,000 lbs. 0,258,000 cases The men's class of the Methodist 1921, 65,129,000 lbs. 2,400,000 cases Church gave a supper in the church Shortage, 17,324,000 lbs. Excess,

Deliveries of cream are about northe market tendency has been high-The Parent and Teachers meeting er and this has been reflected in the took place Tuesday evening, Dec. 12. higher prices for butterfat through-A fine program was given by the out the producing sections. Conteachers and the High School Glee sumption of butter is not as heavy Light refreshments were as a few weeks ago and any further decrease in consumption or increase Women of the Rebekah Lodge will in production would have a tendency

The supply of fresh eggs continues Considering the demand, family are visiting relatives in Ohio. prices have re-acted a little from the Elwyn McCall, who has been away more conservative position, due to prospects of some merease in production throughout the West and

The Junior class of the high school some with a fractured collar bone. has planned an alumni party, to be Elwyn McCall was in St. Louis, given on Saturday, Hermaher 16. This is for the benefit of all students who Dr. Harvey of Saginaw was the have been graduated from the high guest of Mr. and Mrs. Poulson of school during the past four years and also the classes of '23 and '24, Mrs. William Oberlin, who has This is the first almuni party to be

# HOUSEHOLD

-Contributed by-

Members of Civic Improvement League

You will find the Orange Pie very nice made in individual shells. The Raisin Cookies are not expensive as the recipe Mrs. Estella Moore. makes about seven dozen.

#### ORANGE PIE

Juice and grated rind of one Juice of one lemon One cup of sugar

One cup of water Two level tablespoons of corn starch Yolk of one egg

Heat the orange juice, rind, lemon juice, sugar and water together. and development seek legitimately to unshackle opportunity, when they co- while others by the smallest denom- boiling. Cook until creamy. Turn into baked pastry shell. niling. Cook until creamy. Turn into baked pastry shell.

Make a meringue of the beaten white of the egg, sugar and flavoring. Frost the pie with this and bake a delicate brown.

### RAISIN COOKIES

One cup of raisins, put through the grinder One cup oleomargarine One teaspoon of salt Two cups of sugar Three eggs One cup of sour milk

One teaspoon of soda One teaspoon of Baking powder

One teaspoon of vanilla A little cinnamon Flour enough to roll

Cream oleomargarine and sugar together. Add the eggs beaten, then ing, to give Mrs. Hunn a surprise quite a few cars were carried over the soda dissolved in the sour milk, then the flour mixed with the baking powder and last the raisins and seasonings. Roll quite thin and bake in a

# Strand Theater

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ing waterfall! Dorothy Dalton's

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